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Hirohito Kirikoshi et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated May 7, 2003 (Paper No. 8), Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-10 and 20-39) for continued examination, with traverse.

The independent claims in Group I are directed to a peripheral apparatus detachably connected to an information processing apparatus. Independent claims in Group II are also directed to a peripheral apparatus detachably connected to an information processing apparatus. Accordingly, the search areas for the elected subject matter will overlap the search areas for the non-elected subject matter as well and, thus, no undue burden would be involved in examining all pending claims together.

M.P.E.P. § 803 directs as follows (emphasis added): "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner

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